

Local and Personal.

The Address of Joseph H. Bradley, esq., on the opening of the fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, on Thursday night, was generally acknowledged by all who heard it to be both eloquent and instructive. It was delivered in his usually felicitous manner, to about two thousand persons. Owing to the inclement weather, we had supposed there would not be as many hundreds in attendance. It was an agreeable disappointment.

He set forth the many advantages which have already resulted, and will continue to flow, from the organization of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute; and among these he adverted to the practical knowledge which contributes to the welfare of every community, as well as that description of intellectual improvement which never fails to augment happiness in the social condition; banishing the grosser habits, and diffusing the rich fruits of mental culture.

The school of design, for boys, eighty in number, is, he said, in a flourishing condition; and it was now proposed to have one for girls.

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Congressional.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

SENATE.—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

The Senate was engaged in the consideration of private bills, and passed fifty-eight of them. At two o'clock, in accordance with the agreement entered into, the business in its regular order, and the motion of Mr. BROWN to reconsider the vote by which the Senate had ordered to be engrossed the bill for the relief of the claimants of the private armed brig General Armstrong.

After debate the motion to reconsider was agreed to—yeas 42, nays 17. It was announced to be the design of Mr. BROWN to move an amendment to the bill which would provide for the payment of a sum of money to the captain much less in amount than that which the original bill would appropriate; but Mr. CLAY moved that the bill do lie on the table; which was agreed to—yeas 42, nays 19.

After an Executive session, the Senate adjourned.

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Telegraphic.

ARRIVAL OF THE ATLANTIC.

Ten Days Later.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Atlantic has arrived at her dock with European news. No change has taken place in the general position of affairs before Sebastopol. The peace conference is to open in the middle of February. Lord John Russell has resigned, and a general dissolution of the English Cabinet Ministry is threatened.

Harbor Cotton Market.—Cotton is upward, and all qualities have slightly advanced, with an active speculative demand. Sales of the week 7,500 bales. Brown and Shipley report the tone of the Liverpool market tepid, owing to the reported excess of cotton in the market. Mobile fair at 94d; middling, 5 1/4-16d.

Other English news not important, except the resignation of Lord Russell. On Friday the Minister gave an explanation of his conduct, and it is the general opinion that the whole Ministry must go out.

The peace feelings seem tending towards a peace with Russia. The Vienna conference will not meet until the middle of February.

Before Sebastopol continues unchanged. The British army is in a wretched condition, resulting from mismanagement. The report of a general battle is not correct.

The Swedish army is to be placed on an immediate footing. Negotiations continue between Austria and Prussia respecting the German army. The Queen of Serbia is dead.

The steamer Lord Britain has arrived at Liverpool with 2,500 sterling. There have been numerous reports of failures in Liverpool, but no doubt exaggerated beyond the truth; notwithstanding, the cotton market has been thereby injured.

Consols have declined in consequence of the resignation of Lord John Russell. They closed at 91 1/4. The Atlantic arrived at her dock at ten o'clock. She brings Liverpool dates of the 27th, and arrived on the morning of the 22d. She brings 88 passengers, among whom is Hon. N. G. Upham.

The interest of her news is, that she brings the proceedings of the British Parliament, where the government has been severely denounced. At Sebastopol the Russians had made two sorties, but, as usual, repulsed with considerable loss. The water in the Crimea is bad, and at latest dates was much milder. Considerable reinforcements were reaching the Army. General Liprandi had again advanced his outposts to Chernaya with 40,000 men, and 50,000 are said to be at Pererek, on their way to the Crimea.

Letters state that the French division had gained the Flag-staff battery, and only awaited a favorable moment to concentrate at Pererek, having in view an attack upon Evaporista. Sickness is on the increase in the camp. Menschikoff is reported to have said "that the troops may rest, for General's January, February, and March, will fight our battles far better than can be done by the Russians."

The Russians have repaired and re-occupied the Quarantine Fort. General Sir George Brown was about to return to the Crimea, and was accompanied by Mr. Patterson, Jan. 18.—Dates are of a Pacific character. The Allies contemplate establishing a hospital capable of receiving 600 patients, at Smyrna, and one at Rhodes, for the convalescents of the army.

Russian dispatches report numerous desertions from the Allies to the Russian ranks. The public service will be "The Arab 1865," says that the Russians will shortly assume the offensive in the Crimea, having received the necessary reinforcements. Large bodies of Russian troops have been ordered to concentrate at Pererek, having in view an attack upon Evaporista.

It was reported at Vienna on the 25th that a battle had been fought before Sebastopol, in which the Russians were victorious; but the next day the British press published a statement to the contrary. It was positively asserted that Omar Pacha's force was to begin operations on the 18th of January, by advancing under cover of the artillery of the Turkish convoys left Varna for Balaklava, on the 14th.

The French eighty-gun ship, Henri Quatre, which sailed on the 14th of November, has been turned into a fort, and is thus of great use to the allies. A despatch from Menschikoff dated the 17th, and published at St. Petersburg on the 25th, went to the following effect: The siege operations do not advance. Two successful sorties were made on the 13th and 14th; we took fourteen French and English prisoners, and the allies lost a considerable number in killed and wounded. The Turks are treated with very little consideration by the allies.

From the Danube. The Patrie says that the recent passage of the Danube by the Russians had given rise to a demand by Austria for explanation from Gortschakoff. Orders have been sent to Count Coronini to prevent the Russians from recommencing the campaign on the Danube. The Austrians have declared all the ports of the Black Sea, and the sea of Azof, in state of a strict blockade, and have captured several ships, loaded with Russian supplies.

The British fleet on the Black Sea, with a submarine cable for connection with Varna with Balaklava, had put back into Harwich much damaged. **From China.** The dates from China are to December 12. Political affairs in the interior part of the Empire were more critical than ever. The Canton authorities had applied, officially, for assistance from the American and English Consuls, with whom reference was not stated. Trade was completely suspended.

Senator Wilson. Boston, February 9.—Senator Wilson started for Washington yesterday, and addressed an anti-slavery delegation assembled to greet him at Worcester. **General Shields a Candidate for Congress.** CHICAGO, February 9.—General Shields is announced as a candidate for Congress in the 5th district, which has been made vacant by the election of Mr. Trumbull to the Senate.

Charles Sumner. CHARLESTON, Feb. 8.—The long-talked of three mile race between Brown Dick and Mary Taylor took place to-day. It was won by the former. Time, 5:43 and 5:42.

Election of Senator in Illinois. SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 8.—The election of United States Senator has resulted in the choice of Lyman Trumbull, in the place of General Shields. Judge Trumbull is an anti-Nebraska Democrat, and during his term of office he has been an active part of a public speaker against the measure repealing the Missouri compromise.

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MY COURTESHIP AND ITS CONSEQUENCES, by Henry Winkler, the History and Poetry of Finger Rings, by Charles Edwards. The World's Workshop, by Ewbank; The New Congressional Directory. On sale at **TAYLOR & MAURY'S**

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CROW QUILLA.—Further supply of the bundles just received at **TAYLOR & MAURY'S**

Amusements.

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